tently requesting for reimposition of controls over the movement and price of molasses and alcohol. They have represented that such controls are required to ensure adequate availability of molasses and alcohol at controlled prices.

This is one of the issues that came up for discussion in a Conference of State Excise Ministers held on 4-11-1993. A Group of State Excise Ministers under the chairmanship of the Karnataka Chief Minister is now looking into this issue among others.

Demand of Foreign Airlines for more Destinations

*456. SHRI S. AUSTIN : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) whether some of the foreign airlines are pressing the Government of India to give more destinations, more frequencies, entry points, without offering similar concessions to Air India in their own skies;

(b) if so, the response of Government thereto;

(c) whether a reciprocal demand was made by Government; and

(d) if so, the reaction of the foreign airlines thereto ?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD) : (a) to (d) Requests are received from various Governments from time to time for enhancing the capacity entitlements and grant of more destinations in India for their designated carriers. The traffic rights to foreign airlines are, however, granted after negotiation with the respective Governments on the basis of reciprocity of benefits to the two sides.

Acquisition of land in Mhow for military exercises

*457. SHRI SHIV PRASAD CHANPURIA : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the land of villages in Mhow Tehsil of Madhya Pradesh is being acquired for military exercises;

(b) if so, what is the area of fertile and barren land which is being acquired;

(c) whether farmers will be provided alternative fertile land for their rehabilitation;

(d) whether barren land could not be located for such military exercises; and

(e) whether there is any proposal to acquire land in Jabalpur also for such exercises ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI MALLIKARJUN) : (a) Lands have already been acquired.

(b) The details of cultivable and Parta land acquired are as under :—

Irrigated/ unirrigated	Parta/ grass bir	Total
4155.93 acres	7988.10 acres	12144.03 acres

(c) Government have paid monetary compensation as per provisions of the Land Acquisition Act, 1894 as well as rehabilitation grants. The present policy does not provide for provision of alternative land.

(d) These ranges have been used as such for several decades. About 65% of the total area has no. been under cultivation.

(e) No, Sir.

Duty Rationalisation in Respect of Medicines

*458. SHRI ANANT RAM JAISWAL : SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU : Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to refer to answers to Unstarred Questions 442 and 1300 given in Rajya Sabha on the 24th February and 3rd March, 1994 respectively and state :

(a) whether it is a fact that prices of medicines have shot up as revealed by Wholesale price index and more foreign exchange is going out on account of increase in CIF prices to match customs duty reduction;

(b) what were the imports and their CIF prices in respect of 50 top drugs and

20 intermediates in terms of CIF value of imports;

(c) whether it is a fact that duty rationalisation has been subserving the interests of the foreign suppliers; and

(d) what steps have been taken to enquire into the whole matter ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO). (a) to (d) The trend in prices as reflected in the Wholesale Price Index, shows that the increase in the prices of drugs and medicines has been less than that of all commodities. A large number of bull drugs and intermediates are imported of different values and quantities.

As stated in the answer to the Rajya Sabha Unstarred Question No. 1300 on the 3rd March, 1994, rationalisation of customs duty on bulk drugs/drug intermediates/raw materials and formulations is an ongoing exercise and is done with a view to ensuring easy availability of quality drugs and formulations at reasonable prices in the market and encouraging the indigenous industry.

Rural Sanitation Programme in Andhra Pradesh

*459. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) what are the proposals submitted by the Andhra Pradesh Government for Rural Sanitation Programme;

(b) how many of them have been cleared for 1994-95; and

(c) what are the details of proposals regarding rural sanitation being implemented in Andhra Pradesh ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT) (SHRI UTTAMBHAI H. PATEL) : (a) The Government of Andhra Pradesh during 1993-94 had submitted the following proposals for consideration under Central Rural Sanitation Programme :—

(i) Taking up of development of three villages as model sanitation villages in Vuyyur Constituency in Krishna district.

(ii) Release of final instalment of funds out of the allocation of Rs. 157.48 lakhs under Central Rural Sanitation Programme for 1993-94.

(iii) Development of village Vogaram, as a model sanitation village in Kesharam Mandal, Ranga Reddy district.

(b) The proposals at (i) and (ii) above have been approved by the Central Government. As regards the proposal at (iii) above, the State Govt. has been requested to provide a copy of the detailed project report and item-wise details of the estimated cost of Rs. 13.25 lakhs.

(c) The main details of implementation of Rural Sanitation Programme in Andhra Pradesh are as under :—

— construction of individual household latrines

— village sanitary complexes for women

— construction of other sanitation facilities like drains, lanes, soakage/garbage pits etc.

— setting up of Sanitary Marts

— development of model villages etc.

— health education, awareness generation, village contact drives, etc.

कच्छ में पर्यटक स्थल

*460. **श्रीमती चन्द्रिका अभिनन्दन** जैन : क्या नागर विमानन और पर्यटन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) गुजरात के कच्छ जिले में कुल कितने पर्यटक स्थल हैं;

(ख) क्या राज्य सरकार ने कच्छ जिले में स्थित पर्यटक स्थलों के विकास तथा वहां पर अन्य सुविधायें प्रदान करने के संबंध में केन्द्रीय सरकार के समक्ष कोई प्रस्ताव रखा है;